

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
**ABSTRACT**

Tree Cutting – Visakhapatnam District – Paderu Division – Residents of Koyyuru and Chintapalli Mandals - Permission to cut and transport of Teak and Non-Teak trees lying in the Patta lands of 4 Tribal farmers, duly relaxing Rule 8 of AP Preservation of Private Forest Rules, 1978 - Accorded - Orders issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section.II) DEPARTMENT.

**G.O.RT.No. 371**

**Dated:15-11-2014.**

**Read the following:-**

1. District Collector, Visakhapatnam Lr.Rc.No.4029/2013/F4, dt 5-7-2014.
2. District Collector, Visakhapatnam Lr.Rc.No.4028/2013/F4, dt.15-7-2014
3. District Collector, Visakhapatnam Lr.Rc.No.4026/2013/F4, dt.15-7-2014.
4. District Collector, Visakhapatnam Lr.Rc.No.4027/2013/F4, dt.12-7-2014
5. Letter from Sri. K.S.N.S Raju, MLA, Chodavaram Constituency, Visakhapatnam District along with the Joint representation of Tribal ryots of Koyyuru and Chintapalli Mandals received through M (FES&T) Endst No.352/M (FES&T)/2014, dt 10-10-2014.

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**ORDER:**

In the letters 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the District Collector, Visakhapatnam has submitted proposals to Government for according felling and transport permission to the Teak and Non-Teak trees lying in the Patta lands of the following applicants and reported that the trees are aged about 50 years developing wide branches causing damage to the standing crop and to meet their family needs:-

Sl. No.	Name	Survey Nos. & Acs:	Village & Mandal	No. of teak & non-teak trees	Approximate Value of trees (in Rs)
1.	Sri Lotha Siva Prasad S/o Lakshmanarao	Ac. 16.35 Cents. in Sy No. 24.	Nalgonda Village, Koyuru Mandal	7 (teak) and 3 (non teak)	3,66,918/-
2	Kincha Yerrayya S/o. late Rajubabu	Ac. 20.13 Cents.in Sy No. 27/1A Ac. 6.95 cents in Sy No.33 and Ac. 0.48 Cents.in Sy No. 37/1	Sarabhannapalem Village, Koyuru Mandal	7 (teak) and Fuel	3,59,075/-
3	Smt. Bakuru Seethamma W/o.late Lakshmiraju	0.56 Acres in Sy.No.11/9	Sadika village of Chinthapalli Mandal	13 teak trees and Fuel	7,63,025/-
4	Sri Narsi Krishnamayya S/o. late Sankarayya	Acres 6.14 cts in Sy.No.58	Peda Makavaram (V) and Koyuru (M)	5 teak trees and fuel	1,99,300/-

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2. In the joint representation 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Scheduled Tribe Ryots of Koyyuru and Chintapalli Mandals have represented to the Government through the Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Chodavaram Constituency, Visakhapatnam District, stating that the trees mentioned above have attained 120 Cms in girth at 1.3 Mtrs height from ground level as required under Rule 3 (2) of Andhra Pradesh. Preservation of Private Forest Rules, 1978. Further, their main intention to cut and remove the Trees is to practice agriculture and to meet the domestic needs i.e., medical, education and marriage of children's etc. As the trees have become the main bottleneck for agriculture, and, hence they were not able to earn the agricultural proceeds in their patta lands. They further represented that the procedure laid in Rule 8 will cause abnormal delay as the Forest Department is under staffed and delay is also occurring in cutting and transport of the produce to the Depot. As a result, they are not able to cultivate the crops and not earning livelihood and their financial problems are mounting. Therefore, the Tribal ryots have finally requested the Government to accord permission for cutting and transportation of the trees, duly relaxing Rule 8 of Andhra Pradesh Preservation of Private Forest Rules, 1978, on par with the other Tribal farmers of Visakhapatnam District to whom the relaxation was accorded vide G.O. Rt. No. 164, Environment Forests, Science & Technology (For.I) Department., dated.3-04-2012.

3. Government, after careful examination of the proposals of the District Collector, Visakhapatnam, hereby accord permission for cutting and transportation of all the Teak and Non-Teak trees of 4 tribal farmers, which are having more than 120 Cms in girth at 1.3 Mtrs height from ground level from their respective patta lands mentioned above, to meet their domestic needs, duly relaxing the procedure laid down in Rule 8 of Andhra Pradesh Preservation of Private Forest Rules, 1978 in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 28 B (3) of Andhra Pradesh, Forest Act, 1967, on par with other Tribal farmers to whom the procedure was relaxed vide G.O.Rt.No.164, Environment Forests, Science & Technology (For.I) Department., dt.03-04-2012, subject to payment of Security Deposit of 10% of value of the produce by the applicants with the Divisional Forest Officer. The Security Deposit will be released soon after the transport of produce is completed satisfactorily.

4. The District Collector, Visakhapatnam is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**S.P. SINGH**

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To  
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam  
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER